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AFFIRMATIVE BELIEFS

Archie H. Hook

Superintendent

There is a common tendency today to dwell on the importance of action, deeds, movement, accomplishments, and to neglect to emphasize the importance of our beliefs and convictions. We say: it is the thing we DO that counts; the drink of water we GIVE; the kindness we SHOW; the welcome we EXTEND. Our deeds, our works, the fruit we bear, this is what justifies us. But back of those acts, compelling them, are our beliefs. It is our beliefs which provide the motive power for our acts.

Jesus gave a classic example of this in the parable of the two men who built their house of life—the one on the rock, the other on the sand. When the storm came one house tumbled in, and the other stood unmoved. What was the difference in these two men? Both had heard the sayings of Jesus. The man who built his house upon the rock listened, believed, and then acted. He took Jesus' sayings seriously. They rooted themselves in his life and compelled him to get out, get busy and do something about them. The other man listened, that was all. No convictions came, no affirmations were made, no beliefs resulted, and not believing, he did nothing. It was the difference in their beliefs which made the difference in their actions. Our beliefs are important because in them is to be found the cure for many of our dilemmas and the solution for many of our baffling problems. So often we struggle with our own sense of inadequacy, with our limitted endowment, with our failure to accomplish the things we desire to do. Such a mood gives way only to one thing—belief. "If thou canst believe," said Jesus, "all things are possible." And when we so believe we find that we have the power to do the things that need doing. Our beliefs lend us a truly amazing power. While it is important to believe, in order that our lives may be saved from inaction, it is most important what we believe. The troubles that often assail us in the world today do not come from lack of belief, but because men believe deeply and profoundly in false and self-destroying ends. Christian living today, if it is to bring order out of chaos, peace out of conflict, must be rooted in the great affirmations of our faith.

I believe in God the Father Almighty. I believe in Jesus Christ and his way of life. I believe in the cross as the central fact of history. I believe in the resurrection as a vindication of the way of the cross. I believe in man as a child of God and an inheritor of the promise. Such beliefs as these, as they become rooted in our lives and expressed in our actions, are our hope for the redemption of mankind.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

STEILACOOM . . .

Rev. George Schubert reports a building improvement at the Oberlin church with a texture painting of the church walls inside and rehave also been redone. The work of finishing of the pews. The floors the various groups continues to go forward in their ministry to the community.

ELK . . .

The congregation of the Elk church has undertaken this year the building of a new church basement. The work began last fall on a voluntary labor basis and a pay-as-we-go plan. The building of cement blocks nears completion with the pouring of the concrete floor. This church with only ten active members and a congregation with an average attendance of 25 has achieved this goal. Recently a gift of a public address system and money for the glass in the windows of the new basement was made to the congregation. The church has nearly completed its goal for Our Christian World Mission, and accepted its full quota for the Church Building Loan Fund. Rev. Walter Pierson is the minister.

WHITE SALMON . . .

The congregation of the White Salmon church completed this fall a Building Fund campaign under the direction of the Wells organization. Included in the campaign was also the budget for 1954. The results far exceeded the fondest dreams of the people. When the totals were reported at the victory dinner it was found that the budget of $5200 had been pledged in the amount of $4972.50, and pledges for the new buildings amount to $46,-271.10. Since that time a gift of $5,000 has been received for the building fund, and followup calls on the budget put it over the top.

New chancel furniture as a memorial gift of the Card family was dedicated recently, and attendance at the various services and activitie continues to grow. Rev. James C Duffey is the minister.

OLYMPIA . . .

Bulletins from the United Churc report a recent successful Buildin Fund campaign as well as an Ever Member Canvass program.

The Kum Dubl Klub provided scholarship for Miss Shirley Simo to attend the Quadrennial Methodis Student Movement Conference a Lawrence, Kansas, during the holi days. Miss Simon went as an offi cial delegate of Wesley House a the University of Washington.

Governor Arthur B. Langlie wa a recent guest speaker of thei Men's Fellowship. Rev. Edgar Pear son is minister.

ODESSA, United . . .

Rev. F. William Westwood re ports a successful Every Famil Visitation program which assure the success of a remodeling projec to the extent of $6500. The projec will result in a larger dining room five new church school rooms, an will enable the church to rende more effective service in the com munity. Thirteen new members wer received during 1953, and the pros pects for the new year are prom ising.

CLUB CHURCHES

Churches reporting Club subscrip tions for The Congregational Wa since the last issue include:

Blaine
Deer Park
Lakeview
Otis Orchards
Plummer
Priest River
Seattle, Columbia
Seattle, Magnolia
Spokane, Lincoln Heights
Walla Walla
Warden

Rev. Hendrick Martynse of Loomis, Cali-
ornia, began his ministry at the United
Church, Ferndale, on January 15. We wel-
ome Mr. and Mrs. Martynse to our con-
erence fellowship.

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eattle, FAUNTLEROY . . .

Installation services for Rev. Er-
est Yarrow, Jr., as minister of the
auntleroy church were held on
anuary 10, with the Ecclesiastical
ouncil and a fellowship dinner pre-
eding the services.

Those participating in the service
ncluded Mrs. Berta McClintock of
enver, Colorado, who gave the
harge to the minister. Others in-
uded Miss Carolyn Goddard, Dr.
ertrude Apel, Rev. Roland Schlue-
r, Rev. David Rose, Rev. Robert
wen, Rev. Kenneth Claypool, Dr.
elson C. Dreier and Dr. Archie H.
ook.

LUMMER . . .

The Plummer church reports pro-
ress with the parsonage sufficient-
completed for occupation in prep-
ration for a resident minister. An
utstanding event of the fall was
e dedication of new church doors
hich are a memorial to Mr. L. L.
imstead, a long time deacon of the
urch. The choir presented a spe-
al Christmas cantata.

PESHASTIN . . .

Rev. Robert Pruitt began his pastorate at the Peshastin church on January 15. Prior to this time Mr. Pruitt was minister of the Congregational Church in Colville. Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt have served other churches in our conference, and Mr. Pruitt has rendered valuable service on many conference committees.

Seattle, UNIVERSITY . . .

Rev. William Stanley Gould began his work as Minister of Education at the University Congregational Church on January 1. Mr. Gould is a graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, and has completed residence requirements for his doctorate at Columbia University. An ordained Presbyterian minister, Mr. Gould has spent his time in the educational phase of the work. Mr. Gould has special training in the field of child development, and has done work at Columbia University. For fifteen years, Mr. and Mrs. Gould served with the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian church in Allahabad, India. Returning to this country in 1948 they have continued in educational work. Mr. Gould will have charge of the Character School program and the youth work.

LOWELL . . .

Things are going forward for the Lowell church. Last fall the financial support from the lumber mill was discontinued and the church was faced with the task of assuming financial responsibility for its entire budget. The Loyalty Sunday pledges totaled over twice that of the previous year. A new electric organ has been purchased and was used for the first time on December 27th. The church has met its pledge for this year on the Church Building Loan Fund. The program continues to go forward with an active Couples Club, and plans are unday way for confirmation classes to be held during January and February. Rev. James Fred Estes is the minister.

THE LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Fred Hockert

In a recent issue of the Massachusetts Laymen's paper, The Reporter, there appeared a thoughtful article entitled, "Theh Layman in the Local Church." We are quoting excerpts of this article for the benefit of the laymen in our own conference. It begins, 'Today, as perhaps never before, the Church stands in need of a strong group of Laymen—working laymen.

"The logical place to find these men is in the Men's Club, but here again, too often, we find indifference, sometimes opposition, if the suggestion is made that the Club lend its support to the work of the Church and the Kingdom of God. Many of these Clubs feel that they have fulfilled all their obligations if they hold a monthly fellowship dinner, followed by a speaker who carefully avoids any reference to matters relating to Christian work.

"Fellowship is important. It is an important means to an end, but in no sense of the word can it be considered an end in itself. The enthusiasm and good will created by fellowship must be put to work. There must be some service performed. No individual or no organization can justify its existence unless it performs some service.

"Opportunity is knocking at the doors of these Men's Clubs, knocking loudly and waiting, but often in vain. The talents of these fine groups of men who come from all walks of life and have so much to offer are wasting away. What a shame when there is so much that needs to be done.

"The Church that is truly great is the Church that has within its organization a loyal group of devoted Christian Laymen ever ready and ever willing to put their shoulders to the wheel and give unstintingly of their time, their efforts, their talents, and their substance. The Church is in desperate need of such men."

THE WOMAN'S GIFT

Mrs. W. H. Olsen, Chairman

The words "Giving" and "Getting" become very important during holidays and special occasions. Yet, it is not surprising that, as we come closer to the experiences, the "Giving" seems to fill our hearts and minds, while the "Getting" fades away, somehow, into insignificance.

Something of the same thing happens, when we accept a "Woman's Gift" box, set it on the kitchen table, or on the window sill, and begin to put our extra pennies into it.

For, with every coin we drop in we have the satisfaction of knowing that we are "Giving," not just by ourselves, but together, with all the women of our churches, who are doing the very same thing.

And, as we fill our boxes, it is quite easy to let our imaginations run riot, until we see our own small gift becoming a mighty stream of goodwill and kindness, gushing out its acts of generosity and love through all the world.

Yes, to Christian women, the word "Giving" has much more meaning than the word "Getting." GIVING scholarships to deserving young people—medicine and doctor care to the under-privileged—bringing the blessed gift of literacy to those who live in the backward parts of the world — GIVING the little help here and there that makes all the difference — and all this through the bounty of the little square box or the brown envelope of the "Woman's Gift."

If you have not yet ordered your boxes or envelopes, will you please do so, right away. My address is 33706 East 180th, Seattle 55.

Spring is just around the corner. Dedication Day will be here sooner than you realize. Let's make this a very special Woman's Gift Year. Let's remember that there are many waiting wistfully for the help your contributions provide. Let's not fail them.

"HO, EVERYONE THAT THIRSTETH!"

Rev. Vincent Stageberg

Mr. Stageberg is chairman of our nference Committee on Evangesm. His article is presented in bealf of the work of that committee.

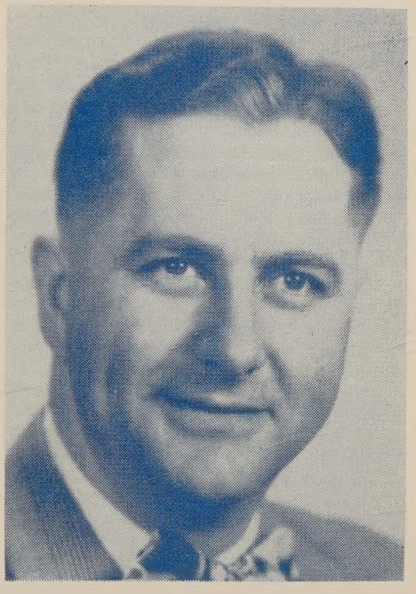
We are all familiar with the hisrical account of DeSoto, the Spanh explorer, who landed on the ores of Florida with the idea of nding the legendary Fountain of outh. We also know that he died ithout finding it, and was buried eneath the waters of the mighty ississippi. I cannot help thinking at in many ways DeSoto typifies e average person who seeks out e church today.

We live in a thirsty world. There physical thirst, mental thirst, oral thirst, spiritual thirst. The ientist searches for knowledge. ie toiler seeks ease. There is the irst for wealth, for peace, for easure, for freedom, for security. nderlying all of this is man's arch for God and his thirst for iritual satisfaction and security. ut how often does he find what he looking for? All too often his est ends in disappointment, like at of DeSoto.

We who comprise the church toy have to face up to the fact that are not very successful in giving r people the tangible basis for ing they are seeking. That we e concerned about this situation evidenced by the great interest o w n whenever an Evangelism minar or discussion group is set at one of our Conferences. But nehow, we don't seem to find the ution there, either.

've tried to analyze the situation nfronting the church today. As investigate the programs of our urches, we find an amazing array schemes and programs designed carry on God's work. No, we are short on program. But why so lasting results? Could it be that have too much program and too le of Christ?

've just been reading again the



seventh chapter of John's Gospel. I note that at the Feast of Tabernacles, in the temple of God, Jesus found the people suffering from spiritual thirst. Oh, the temple had a complete program of worship, but the people were not finding their basic needs for life. To meet that situation Jesus extended the invitation: "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink."

I believe there we have the solution to our problems. We need to cut through all of our man-made programs and plans, and bring our people individually to Christ to satisfy their thirst. Jesus is still crying: "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink." Does that sound too simple? I believe it is the basic need of our people, and the foundation on which we should start to build. I wonder if the world will not welcome a little more simplicity in this complicated age.

NEWS BRIEFS

Dr. Martin L. Goslin of Plymouth Church, Seattle, will serve as Chaplain of the thirty-second Pastoral Conference at Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, on February 23-25. This conference brings ministers from the western area for an experience of inspiration and refreshment in techniques of local church work. Seminars and workshops will be offered in the fields of pastoral administration, group dynamics, church music and drama.

The E. T. Earl Lectures during the conference will be given by Dr. George A. Buttrick, pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York City, and Dr. Roland H. Bainton, Titus Street Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Yale University. Dr. Buttrick's addresses will be on the theme of "God and Suffering," and Dr. Bainton has chosen the theme of "The New England Way."

Rev. David Sandstrom, Associate Executive Secretary of The Missions Council, in charge of the Chicago office, was in our conference early in January. Mr. Sandstrom met with the National Commission on Stewardship at the University Congregational Church, and with the conference Committee on Our Christian World Mission.

Mr. Rex Jordan, an active layman of the Keystone Church, Seattle, and present Moderator of the Conference, was elected as chairman of the conference Committee on Our Christian World Mission at its meeting in January. Mr. Jordan succeeds Dr. Wade L. Carter, who is now serving a church in Provo, Utah. Rev. Kenneth D. Claypool was elected as vice-chairman of the committee.

The Midwinter meeting of The Missions Council was held at Cleveland, Ohio, on January 25-28. Prior to this meeting, there were sessions of the various boards and agenci of the denomination. Conference pe ple attending these meetings inclu ed Mrs. E. R. Madson, Mrs. Willia Cox, Mrs. Clarence Murdey, Mr Theron Zimmerman, Dr. Nelson Dreier, Dr. Archie Hook and Mi Christine Skelton.

Mr. Robert Durham, Seattle a chitect and member of the Faun leroy Church, has won recogniti for his design of the First Congr gational Church of Forks, Was ington. The drawing was among t prize winners at the convention the Church Architectural Guild America at its meeting in Kno ville, Tennessee. Other churches our conference designed by Mr. Du ham include Magnolia, Bellevu Fauntleroy, and the new additio for Pullman and Warden, as w as Forks.

The annual meeting of the Was ington and Northern Idaho **Coun of Churches** will be held at the Fir Methodist Church, Yakima, on Fe ruary 21-23. The Pastor's Conv cation will be held on the 23rd.

Leadership for the council me ing and the convocation include Mr James D. Wyker, National Preside of The United Church Women; a Dr. Walter Van Kirk, Internation Relations Department of the N tional Council of Churches, Ne York. Persons in the area will al give leadership to the various phas of the program.

ORDER EARLY

Two daily devotional guides especially for the Lenten period Order from The Pilgrim Press 19 So. LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill 5c a copy.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAY ER for adults.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

CHURCH SCHOOL WORKSHOP

The conference Christian Educa-
n Committee is sponsoring a
urch School Teachers' Workshop
e weekend of February 20-22. Ses-
ns will be held at the Fauntleroy
mmunity Congregational Church.
e cost is $5.00, which includes
eals and participation in a travel
ol.

The workshop is being limited to
rty persons, and will be for work-
s in the preschool, primary, and
nior departments. Sessions will be-
n with registration at 10 a. m. on
turday, February 20th, and con-
ue until 3 p. m. on the 22nd. Per-
ns registering must attend all ses-
ns.

Program Features

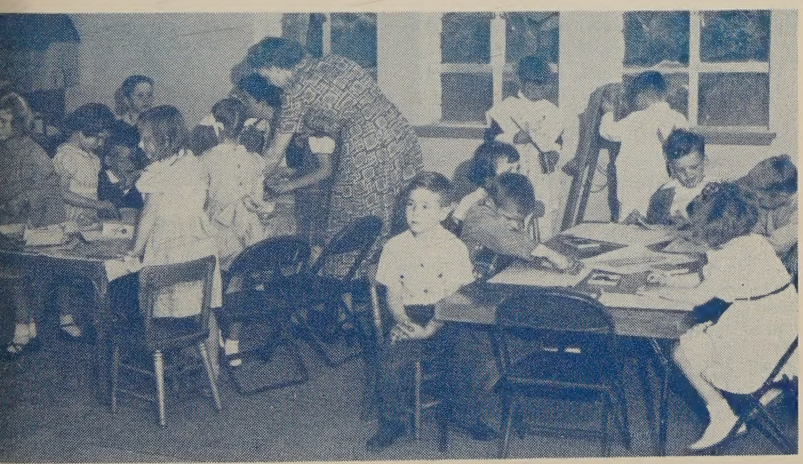
Miss Ruby Peregrine, Professor of
ligious Education at Pacific Uni-
rsity, Forest Grove, Oregon, will
guest leader. She will make con-
butions in interpreting the philos-
hy of religious education, the psy-
ology of learning, and the role of
e home in the Christian nurture
children. She will also make pre-
ntations in the field of worship and the church school, and interpretations of the Easter experience for the church school.

Mr. Charles Hannaford, principal of the West Seattle High School, and a leader in the field of group work, will lead a discussion in the philosophy and methods of group work and techniques of group dynamics. Mrs. Stanley Anderson of Seattle will lead a period on music and its use in the program of training. There will be periods in the areas of creative dramatics and other activities as teaching methods.

Opportunity will also be provided for the previewing of new audio-visuals, and materials for the Easter season.

On Sunday morning, February 21, the delegates will have an opportunity to visit and observe the work of the Fauntleroy and Plymouth church schools. An evaluation session will highlight this experience.

This workshop provides a unique opportunity of leadership education, and is one of the many activities of the Christian Education Committee this year.



servation in the church schools at the Plymouth and Fauntleroy churches will be one
he highlights of the workshop experience. Pictured above is a kindergarten group at
ntleroy Church.

NEW MATERIALS FOR LOCAL PROGRAMS

AUDIO VISUALS

Sunday Around the World, color filmstrip with manual; highly recommended for use with children in sensing the worldwide life of the church. Available from Conference office; no rental.

The Church Around the World, color filmstrip to accompany current Pilgrim Series materials, though not restricted to this in its use; mission emphasis; two scripts, adult and children. Available from Conference office; no rental.

We Are All One, black and white filmstrip with script on our Spanish speaking Congregationalists. Available through Audio Visual Center, 1205 No. 45th, Seattle; no rental.

Youth Audio Visual Kit, 7 filmstrips on various phases of youth work —faith, witness, missions, citizenship, personal development, etc. Available from Audio Visual Center; no rental.

A People Without Fear, movie on current mission theme of year, 30 minutes; rental $8; available from Audio Visual Center.

By All Means, new movie highly recommended for parents and teachers; 22 minutes; theme is on purpose and methods of a program of Christian education in awakening a church to the concern for the spiritual welfare of its members. Available from Audio Visual Center; rental $8.

BIBLES FOR CHILDREN

Two more editions of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible are now available, especially recommended for children. Smaller than the first edition, both include the complete text of the Bible.

One edition is bound in flexible imitation leather with red edges and stamped on the back and on the spine in gold. It is 5½ by 7¾ inches in size, and has colored pictures and maps, all of them recently made and accurate in detail. Price, $3.50.

The same volume, bound in wa able blue cloth instead of imitati leather sells for $3.25.

A third edition, in the same s and bound in black cloth, sells $3.00, but is planned as a pew e tion and more suitable for adults

PAMPHLETS AND BOOKS

The Board of Christian Educati in the Local Church; 10c ea available from National Cou offices.

Calendar of Leadership Educati Activities for Church School; each; National Council publi tion.

Teen Agers Need the Church; wr ten for parents; 5c each or $4 per 100; National Council pub cation.

To Drink or Not to Drink; writt for young people; 5c each or $4 per 100; National Council pu cation.

Careers for You, by Erma Ferra excellent new book on vocatio written for high school; $2.00 bookstores.

BOOKS FOR LENT

The Conference Library Comm tee suggests the following as go reading during the Lenten peri These books are available from t Conference Library.

TEACH US TO PRAY, by Whist
A GUIDE TO CONFIDENT LI ING, by Peale.
MR. JONES MEET THE MASTE by Marshall.
THE COMMON VENTURES LIFE, by Trueblood.
THE LIFE WE PRIZE, by Tru blood.
THE LIFE OF JESUS, by Goo speed.
JESUS CHRIST AND HIS CRO by Dillistone.
WITH SINGLENESS OF HEAR by Kennedy.
THE USE OF LIFE, by Kates.
THE LORD'S PRAYER, by Scott

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

ANNUAL MEETING

he annual meeting of Pilgrim owship will be entertained this by the First Congregational rch, Yakima, Washington. The ference will be the weekend of il 2-4. Senior high young people n the entire conference area will e in this experience. Marc Na- n of Almira is president of the p and will preside at the busi- session when the budget for year will be presented, and offi- and delegates for the national ncil will be elected.

r. Martin L. Goslin of Plymouth rch, Seattle, will be the speaker. theme will be "The Faith of a ." There will be discussion and kshop groups in several areas of rest.

he conference begins with regis- ion on Friday afternoon and con- es through lunch on Sunday. The is $4.00, which includes meals registration.

has been necessary to limit the ber of persons attending. Each rch is therefore asked to register official delegates by February If the quota is not filled by that e, open registration will be al- ed.

wo special conferences for junior young people are being planned the month of March.

JUNIOR HIGH PROJECT

A special service project to accompany the mission study emphasis for junior high young people this spring is called "Be Their Milkman!" This is an urgent undertaking of Church World Service. More than 12,500 pounds of government surplus powdered skim milk has been given to Church World Service. We must pay freight for this to reach the needy areas.

60c will deliver a cup a day for a year.

$6.00 will deliver a cup a day for a year to 10 people.

$100 will deliver a cup a day for a year to 165 people.

More refugees die from malnutrition than from starvation. Powdered skim milk goes further, dollar for dollar, than anything else to build resistance against deficiency diseases. Children, mothers, and invalids in Europe and Asia are waiting for it.

Be Their Milkman is an excellent and urgent project, especially recommended for junior highs during the Lenten season. A free poster, leaflets, and gummed milk-bottle labels may be had upon request. Write to Rev. Armstrong Hunter, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass.

Send money to the conference office marked: "Be Their Milkman Project—Relief and Reconstruction." This project is within Our Christian World Mission.

WORK DAY REPORTS

A total of 31 groups have reported their earnings for the Work Day for Christ with $1,574.11 contributed to Our Christian World Mission. The following groups reported after the last issue of the magazine:

Wallace, $64.17.
Warden, $11.00.
Alki, $64.65.
Forks, $33.25.
Vancouver, $137.70.
Seattle, Pilgrim, $15.00.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH

Sunday, March 28th

The annual ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING appeal will be held this year on Sunday, March 28th. This effort for the relief and reconstruction phase of Our Christian World Mission program brings food to hundreds of refugees throughout Europe and Asia. This appeal is a united effort of all the denominations. Special radio and television programs will highlight the needs of the people, and encourage participation in the appeal.

LaFORET EXPERIENCES

The Western Pastors' School l at LaForet, Coorado, each sumr is an cpportunity of inspiration study for ministers who have b in the work for a number of ye

Rev. Ai Chih Tsai of the Sea Japanese church, writes, "The W ern Pastors' School offered m great opportunity to refresh knowledge concerning the deve ment of recent thoughts in th logical and Biblical fields, as as new techniques in religious e cation and pastoral care. The ex rience of fellowship with the tea ing staff and living with minis from other areas in the beaut surroundings in which LaForet ocated was most worthwhile.

"I will always appreciate the that the Home Board furnishe program for ministers, and hear recommend it to those who h never attended. It will refresh s it, mind and body."

The school will be held this y from July 7-August 4. Dr. Stan U. North will continue as dean, Dr. Allen Wehrli of Eden Semin will teach Old Testament and Walter Marshall Horton of Obe will teach Theology. Applicati for the school may be secured f the Conference office.

COMING EVENTS

February 20-22—Church School Teachers' Workshop, Fauntleroy Chu Seattle.
February 21-28—Dr. Stanley U. North in Conference.
February 21-23—Council of Churches, annual meeting, Yakima.
February 23-25—Pastors' Conference, Pacific Schoo of Religion, Berke California.
March 5- 7—UCYM Conference, Wenatchee.
March 8-11—Rev. Henry Rust in Conference.
March 12-14—Junior High Conference, Bellingham.
March 14-28—Area meetings, Women's Fellowship.
March 19-21—Junior High Conference, Kellogg, Idaho.
April 2- 4—Pilgrim Fellowship Conference, Yakima.
April 20-21—Ministers' Retreat.
May 4-6—Annual Conference meeting, Spokane.
June 23-30—General Council, New Haven, Conn.
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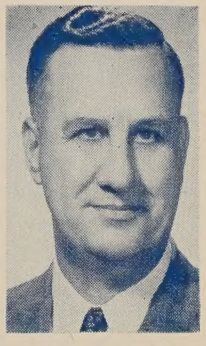
WITHIN VIEW OF JESUS CHRIST



Nelson C. Dreier

Minister

Robert Calhoun, one of America's great theologians, has said, "Our task is not to substitute ourselves, our insights and our sermons for Jesus Christ, seeking to provide an improved gospel, up to date and better suited to the needs of our time. Our task is to use whatever insight, fervor, contemporary knowledge and mature wisdom we may have to help bring our fellows as fully as possible within view of Jesus Christ and the God he revealed."

This is a very clear statement of our mission. The question is, what are we doing to be certain that people are brought "within the view of Jesus Christ." You can think of any number of ways in which you can help. Every Christian is committed to give his life to accomplish this result. The church is our best meeting ground. The days of Lent and Eastertime offer a special call upon us to help people to get this view. This is a period of tremendous opportunity. Methods and techniques of church work leading up to Easter might well be conditioned by the desire to have people come and see. It is our purpose to open the view. Think of the people in your community who make no profession—the people in the world who are not Christians. How can we help them to see Jesus Christ and the God he reveals? Along with this let us remember that we are far from the top in the list of denominations in growth in membership. We have no basis for satisfaction in the per capita giving of our people to Our Christian World Mission. Thanks to many of you who read this, the record is improving.

Another golden opportunity comes at this season of the year. Our leaders with children and youth will redouble their efforts to help them see a clear and unfolding picture. Ministers will gather the young together in Pastor's and Confirmation classes. They will find the rich rewards of Lenten preaching and pastoral evangelism. Lay people will find new satisfaction as they invite their neighbors and friends to share the Christian vision through Fellowship or Visitation Evangelism. Many of our churches will give all their people an opportunity to give a special gift to Our Christian World Mission on Sunday, March 28th, when we share with the destitute and neglected people of the world in "One Great Hour of Sharing." You will want your church to have this blessed experience, too.

It is the one great and noble task of the church to "bring our fellows as fully as possible within view of Jesus Christ and the God he revealed." Let us here rededicate ourselves to do everything in our power to make our churches effective instruments to accomplish this purpose.

SUMMER CONFERENCES FOR 1954

Camp N-Sid-Sen on Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho:

July 10-17: Senior Highs with Rev. David Julius as dean.
July 17-24: Junior Highs with Rev. Paul Sutley as dean.
July 24-31: Junior Highs with Rev. George Snyder as dean.
July 31-August 7: Women's Fellowship.
August 7-14: Family Camp with Mr. and Mrs. James Farnsworth deans.

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Gwinwood on Hick's Lake near Olympia, Washington:

August 8-14: Junior Highs with Rev. Paul Donavan as dean. Gwinwood is the camp site of the Disciples of Christ fellowship western Washington. Located 5 miles from Olympia on the west of Hick's Lake. This will replace the Deception Pass period.

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Seabeck on Hood Canal:

August 16-23: Senior Highs with Rev. John Gibson as dean.

The Family Camp at Camp N-Sid-Sen on Lake Coeur d'Alene offers an experienc fun and inspiration. Morning and evening hours provide for discussion and study gr with a special program for the children; while the afternoon is given to recreation leisure time activities. There is something for the entire family.

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